

Program Highlights 2007

International Education Week

Consul Sara Michael from the US Embassy in Minsk meets with students during International Education Week. November 2007.



Outreach to American Corners

Kevin Reiling, director of the American Center for Education and Research, and EducationUSA adviser Viktor Khotsim discuss education opportunities in the US at the American corner in Polotsk.



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS
- ▶ Open Society Institute
- ▶ US Embassy in Belarus
- ▶ The College Board
- ▶ Educational Testing Service

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	458	496
Total number of center inquiries:	3,400	3,160

Belarus

Advising Center Network

The American Center for Education and Research administers three EducationUSA Advising Centers in Minsk, Gomel, and Mogilev.

Recent Trends: US Study 8.3%

- ▶ EducationUSA in Belarus is reaching new student audiences through the Opportunity Initiative.
- ▶ Growing importance of “virtual” advising, including through the Virtual Consulting Office at www.vco-edusa.net.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: business, hard and social sciences, and humanities.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: basketball and tennis.

Resource Links

EducationUSA (at American Center for Education and Research): www.amcenter.by
Ministry of Education and Culture of Belarus: minedu.unibel.by

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Russian, Belarusian	Russian, Belarusian
Years of study required:	12 years	Bachelors: 4 years Specialist: 5 years Masters: 1-2 years Doctoral: 3 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	excellent (9-10) – A good (7-8) – B pass (4-6) – C fail (0-3) – F	excellent (9-10) – A good (7-8) – B pass (4-6) – C fail (0-3) – F
Scholarship for US studies:		US: Global UGRAD, Muskie

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ Joint outreach program with American Corners, IATP centers, and the US embassy
- ▶ Pre-departure orientations in June

Partnering with EducationUSA Belarus

EducationUSA is happy to arrange – in person or virtually – student audiences for US higher education institutions. February-April and September-November are the best times to reach the maximum student audience.

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